

To: Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Board **(Draft)**
From: Nancy Selman
Date: August 31, 2005
Re: Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2005

Next meeting dates: Second Tuesday of every month. For 2005: 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13.

Please note: Change in venue for meeting on 9/13 – it will be held at the Audubon Environmental Education Center in Bristol, RI.

In attendance: See attached Attendance List.

1. Minutes and Update

1. Update –

- a. The question of whether Berkshire renegotiating the off-take agreements for power and RECs. A clarification is being requested of the developer.
 - b. Rentricity – typos noted.
 - c. RECA – The Advisory Board requested further clarification from Mark Crowdis regarding RECA and the ability to obtain RECs for the RECA group in the face of the new offtake agreement with another party for power and RECs.
 - d. Energetech – ASA was chosen over a Boston firm to work on the permitting with CRMC due to prior experience working with CRMC. Narragansett is misspelled.
 - e. Green-e – Questions were raised on Green-e support but it was decided to wait until the discussion later in the meeting to address the questions.
 - f. Audubon – supporters misspelled.
2. Budget – Mike Hill will be keeping a budget of commitments made against the 4 major program categories. An update of the spreadsheet showing commitments and payments for 2003-2005 was requested.
3. Narragansett Tribe/DisGen – DisGen is requesting \$25,000 for wind measurement studies on the Narragansett reservation. The Advisory Board voted to fund Roger Williams University to provide the hardware and provide a grant to the Narragansett tribe for the balance of the request for the installation of the tower and data collection. The grant will come from the RES program budget.
4. Customer Sited Feasibility Study RFP – Nancy Selman gave a powerpoint presentation on proposed program design for Customer Sited Wind, Hydro and Biomass feasibility studies. The program design presented will be incorporated into a draft RFP.
5. RWU Update – Lefteris Pavlides gave a presentation on the deliberative polling process that he is undertaking in selected towns in Bristol to stimulate public support for wind development in those areas under a grant from the Fund. The deliberative polling process will consist of an accurate scientific survey of 400 respondents who will view a powerpoint presentation on wind before giving their opinions. The Advisory Board provided Professor Pavlides with feedback on the powerpoint.
6. Green Power Marketing – Erich Stephens of People's Power and Light and Amy McGinty of Community Energy gave a presented requested changes to the Fund's Small Customer Program. The following changes were made by vote of the Advisory Board:
- a. Green-e Requirement - Adopt Bob Grace's compromise regarding Green-e certification, namely that in order for a product to be eligible it must be Green-e OR be 5% "new" over the current Green-e requirement. The Green-e requirement for 2006 will be 25%, with no additional increases scheduled at this time. As a result, a product will need to be Green-e or 30% new.
 - b. Ballot Cost sharing - the Fund will pay half the cost of the October 2005 ballot, the other half to be divided among the ballot participants, Peoples Power and Light and Community Energy.

- c. Incentive payment –
 - i. Going forward, the incentive will be \$125 per customer regardless of product price; and the pro-ration formerly put into place to ensure that the incentive was not greater than 2 years of customer revenues will be dropped.
 - ii. The incentive will be paid current as long as the marketer has been in the Small Customer Program for 1 year, dropping the requirement for credit support. Marketers in the Program less than 1 year, will receive 50% of the incentive payment in the first billing period (which is actually 2 calendar quarters after the customer is signed up), then 4 quarters later, they will receive the balance. For purposes of clarification, there are no marketers currently that fall under this second condition/requirement.
- d. The Fund will host a meeting with Narragansett Electric and the PUC to discuss account number/signup issues.

Decisions:

1. Narragansett Tribe/DisGen - The Advisory Board voted to fund Roger Williams University to provide the hardware and provide a grant to the Narragansett tribe for the balance of the request for the installation of the tower and data collection (a total of \$25,000.) The grant will come from the RES program budget.
2. Small Customer Program – Several changes were made: lowering the Green-e requirement alternative to 5% over Green-e, changing the incentive to one incentive for 100% products of \$125, and paying out the incentive current if the marketer has been in the Program for one year.
3. Green-Up Ballot Cost Share - The Fund will pay 50% of the cost of the October GreenUp ballot. The grant will come from the Outreach and Education budget.

Actions:

1. Fund Budget – Mike Hill will keep the Fund budget going forward. An update for 2003-2005 will be provided.
2. Narragansett Tribe – letters will be sent to DisGen and RWU informing them of the grant.
3. Customer Sited Feasibility RFP – An RFP will be drafted incorporating the program design presented.
4. Small Customer – Changes will be incorporated into the Program Guidelines.
5. GreenUp Ballot – A letter will be sent to National Grid informing Grid that the Fund will pay for half the cost of printing the ballot.

Attendance:

Michael Hill
David Stearns
Doug Harley
Chris Wilhire
Harold Ward
David Jacobson
Dr. Pavilides
Nancy Selman
Janice McClanaghan
Janet Keller
Bill Lueker

Vin Rose
Erich Stephens
Bob Chew
Jane Hesser
Julie Capobianco